COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT





November 16, 2007

TO:

EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM:

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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STAFFING FOR SANTA ANA WIND CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 19-22, 2007

Significant Santa Ana wind conditions are predicted to return to Southern California over a four-day period beginning on the evening of Monday, November 19, 2007, through Thursday, November 22, 2007.

To prepare for rapid and increased response, our Department is working in close collaboration with state and federal agencies to ensure that additional firefighting resources are in place across Los Angeles County. The State is currently mobilizing over 400 engine companies into Southern California to assist local counties.

Effective Monday, November 19, 2007, at 8:00 p.m., until Thursday, November 22, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., our Department's staffing and available response equipment will significantly increase. In conjunction with the State, we are adding 20 engine companies. Over 100 additional Department personnel will staff a variety of resources, including helicopters, fire patrols, water tenders, dozers and battalion chief command vehicles.

These procedures will be evaluated on a daily basis and may be canceled if fire weather and fuel conditions warrant. I will keep you posted on all major developments.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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